

Stark, John

John Stark, b. Londonderry, N.H., Aug. 28, 1728, d. May 8, 1822, commanded American troops in the American Revolution. During the French and Indian War he served with Rogers's Rangers. As colonel of a New Hampshire regiment, Stark fought in the battles of Bunker Hill (1775), Trenton (1776), and Princeton (1777). Promoted to brigadier general, he gained fame by defeating units of Gen. John BURGOYNE's army near Bennington, Vt., on Aug. 16, 1777. Two months later Stark became a brigadier general in the Continental Army.

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